

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 894

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Carolyn Shaw, Principal of Hillcrest High School in Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Hawkins Shaw has generously shared her skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of Hillcrest High School as their Principal; under her tireless leadership, students have been encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Carolyn Shaw has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for her students, earning the great respect and admiration of Hillcrest High School's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hillcrest High School community have many reasons to take pride in their school; Hillcrest's marching band was invited to New York to mark the celebration of WWII; Hillcrest's JROTC and Graceland Senior Citizens have partnered to share in Story Circles; the success of Saturday Academy has allowed 82 percent of Hillcrest's students to pass the Gateway exams; and the school building recently underwent an overall renovation, further enhancing the learning process; and

WHEREAS, Hillcrest High School boasts an enrollment of 970 students and an improved promotion rate with an average class size of thirty; moreover, fully 60 percent of the faculty have Master's or Doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, in the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years, Hillcrest High School met or exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, Hillcrest High School offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including Project Success, Saturday Academy, Family Math and Science, Course Recovery, The Crest Newsletter, Drop Everything and Read, Newspapers in Education, AP Courses, ACT Tutoring, Youth Challenge, Service Learning Projects, and Extended Day School; and

WHEREAS, Hillcrest High School has also partnered with corporations, including D'Bo's Buffalo Wings-N-Things, Hearts of Christ, and Exxon Mobile, to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering summer internships and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Carolyn Shaw's message to the Hillcrest High School community is one of substance: "It is evident to anyone who enters the building that teaching and learning is happening at Hillcrest. Students are enthusiastic about learning and teachers set the tone. We will become a model for others to emulate. Our school motto, 'Ambition, Success, the Best...Hillcrest' will indeed become a reality for our students and evident to anyone who visits our campus."; and

WHEREAS, in her many years in education and educational administration, Mrs. Carolyn Shaw has, by her commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of her students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins Shaw for her outstanding record as Principal of Hillcrest High School, and for her many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under her care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Carolyn Shaw for her commitment to the education of the youth of her community, her devotion to their best interests, and her many

contributions to her community and to this State. We offer her our best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.